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1764, October 30. Printed Journal in Virginia State Library.

1765, May 1. Printed Journal in Virginia State Library.

These journals, like those before quoted, contain no full lists of Burgesses; but give, probably, the surnames of most of the members, and in a number of instances, the full names.

1765. Henry's Life of Patrick Henry, vol. II, appendix II.

1766 to 1775 inclusive. Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, 380-386. These lists were prepared by Mr. W. W. Henry, from almanacs, journals, newspapers, &c.

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**Papers Relating to the Administration of Governor  
Nicholson and to the Founding of William  
and Mary College.**

(CONTINUED.)

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[The documents published in this installment bring the contest between Blair and Nicholson up to the return of the former from England and the recall of the latter. On August 16, 1705, Dr. Blair, who had probably just arrived, issued a call for a meeting of the clergy. The meeting was held at the church in Williamsburg, August 29, when Dr. Blair read a letter from their diocesan, the Bishop of London, in which he directed that all disputes should be laid aside, and that they should again live in harmony. On the next day twenty-four of the clergy signed an address to Commissary Blair and to the Bishop of London, in which they practically declined to obey Dr. Blair as commissary. See *Perry, Virginia*, pp. 141-179. Blair was, however, both as president of the college and as commissary, fully sustained by the Bishop.]

[DEPOSITION IN REGARD TO THE SHUTTING OUT.]

May y<sup>e</sup> 31, 1705.

I, the subscriber, having been formerly usher of the Grammar school in *William and Mary College*, do Declare (that to the best of my Remembrance). the custom of Shutting out the Master commenced first in ye year 1699. And in ye year 1700 The Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly meeting and setting in the College, obtained

leave of the Master to dismiss the Scholars somewhat sooner than the usual time. In the year 1701 the Scholars shutt out the Masters again, but in the year 1702 I went to *England* & so knew nothing of what *Mr. Blair* taxes his excell<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup>, as done in the s<sup>d</sup> year with a Design of killing or hurting *Mr. Blair*, & farther, that from the beginning of that custom while I belonged to the College, there was no Intermission unless in ye year 1700, nor of any Design of doing *Mr. Blair* any hurt or prejudice in the least.

ORLANDO JONES.\*

Sworn this 31st day of May, 1705, before us:

John Smith,      John Lewis.

[A DEPOSITION IN REGARD TO "THE SHUTTING OUT."']

May ye 31, 1705.

I, the Subscriber, having seen an affidavit of Mr. Commissary *Blair*, dated ye 1st of May, 1704, where in he says that his excell<sup>r</sup>, the Govern<sup>r</sup>, encouraged ye Scholars of the Grammar School to shutt out their Masters, & gave them Money to buy Powder & shott, &c., and that he had too much reason to suspect the shott was contributed on his acco<sup>t</sup>. I do therefore, as being at that time at the s<sup>d</sup> school & concerned in shutting out the masters, Declare that I know no Design ag<sup>t</sup> the life of *Mr. Blair* nor any person whatever, & I am sure there was no shott made use of on that Occasion, nor did I hear that any one in the school had shott, nor do I remember to have heard any such warning given to *Mr. Blair* not to ofer to come in, for that we had shott & would fire, &c. I do believe some of us might say

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\*Orlando Jones was son of Rev. Rowland Jones (1644-1688), minister of Bruton parish, Va., was born, according to his tomb in the churchyard there, December 31, 1681, and died June 12, 1719. By his first marriage, January 31, 1703, with Martha, daughter of Gideon Macon, he had a son, Lane (who has descendants) and a daughter, Frances, who married Colonel John Dandridge, of New Kent county, and was mother of Mrs. Martha Washington. Orlando Jones was burgess for King William in 1718. See *Wm. & Mary Quarterly*, V, 192-197, and, VIII, 191-193.

we would fire (as indeed We actually did), but it was only with Powder, there being no Shott amongst us to the knowledge of me the Subscriber; as for powder, we had some belonging to some of the Boyes, but I do not know of any that was bought w<sup>th</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup>s money. I, the subscriber, having fired several of the pistols, doe Declare that I know nothing of any Shott being in them. I Declare that we let *Charles Doyl & John Grymes*\* out of the Window by a Rope and not by a Ladder. *Charles Doyle* was sent out to bring Powder from *Mr. Henry Tyler's* † house & was taken w<sup>th</sup> the Powder (before he could get back to us) by *Mr. Allen & Mr. Robertson* & we had none of that Powder. *John Grymes* was sent out because he had accidentally cut his leg w<sup>th</sup> a glass bottle. I, the subscriber, do like wise Declare that the Masters were thrice shutt out of the school (Dureing the time of my education), but cannot say in what years.

JNO. SIMPSON.

Sworn before us this 31st Day of May, 1705.

John Smith,      John Lewis.

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[A DEPOSITION IN REGARD TO "THE SHUTTING OUT."]

June 1st, 1705.

I, the Subscriber, having seen an affidavit of Mr. Commissary *Blair*, dated the 1st of May, 1704, wherein he says that his excell<sup>y</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> encouraged the scholars of the Grammar School to shutt out their masters & gave them Money to buy Powder & Shott, &c., & that he had too much reason to suspect the Shott was contrived on his acco<sup>t</sup>. I do therefore as being at that time at the s<sup>d</sup> School & concerned in shutting out the masters, Declare that I know of no Design agt. the life of Mr. Blair nor any Person whatever & that I am very sure there was no shott made use of on that Occasion, nor heard that any one in

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\* John Grymes of 'Brandon,' Middlesex, afterwards receiver-general and member of the council.

† Mr. Henry Tyler was an ancestor of President Tyler. See "Lives and Times of the Tylers."

the School had Shott, nor do I remember to have heard any such warning given to *Mr. Blair* not to ofer to come in for that We had shott & would Fire, &c. I believe some of us mought say We would fire (as We actually did), but it was only w<sup>th</sup> Powder, there being no Shott amongst us to the knowledge of me the Subscriber, as for the Powder We had some belonging to some of the Boys; but I do not know of any bought w<sup>th</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> money, nor do I remember that any powder was given us by any of his Execell<sup>ty</sup> Servt<sup>s</sup>. Some of us having fired some of the pistols, &c., I declare there was no shott in any of them. I declare that we lett *Charles Doyle* & *John Grymes* and some others out at the school Window by a Rope & not by a Ladder. *Charles Doyle* was sent out to bring Powder from *Mr. Henry Tyler's* House & was taken w<sup>th</sup> the Powder before he could gett back to us by *Mr. Allen* & *Mr. Robertson*, and we had none of that Powder. *John Grymes* was sent out because he had accidently cut his Leg on a Glass bottle, & we do not remember that any one was sent out to Discover the Plott as he Alledges.

GEORGE HUNT.

Sworne this 31st Day of May, 1706:

John Smith,      John Lewis.

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[MILES CARY,\* RECTOR, TO THE TRUSTEES AND GOVERNORS  
OF WILLIAM AND MARY.]

May ye 18th, 1705.

S<sup>r</sup>—Being disappointed of a meeting of the Trustees & Govern<sup>r</sup> of the College in the Time of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court & Assembly, I find it necessary for the College affairs to have a Gen<sup>l</sup> meeting at the College on the 31st instant, at wch I hope you will not fail to be present. In the meantime I remain,

You<sup>r</sup> humble serv<sup>t</sup>,

MILES CARY, Rector.

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\* Miles Cary, of Warwick county, son of Miles Cary, the immigrant, was, by the direction of his father's will, to be educated in England. He was clerk of the General Court, 1691, surveyor-general, 1692, member of the House of Burgesses, 1702, 1704, 1706, &c., and was collector

[SAME TO SAME.]

William &amp; Mary College, June 1st, 1705.

S<sup>r</sup>—Yesterday being appointed for a meeting of the Govrn<sup>rs</sup> of the College, we were disappointed thereof by the absence of Sev<sup>n</sup> Gent<sup>l</sup>, the Gentlemen who gave their attendance are of the Opinion that it is Absolutely Necessary to have a speedy meeting, there being many Reparations to be Ordered about the College, A Rector to be chosen & other matters of Consequence for the good of the College to be transacted. We therefore thought fit to appoint Thursday next, being the 7th Instant, for a Gen<sup>l</sup> meeting here, w<sup>ch</sup> I hereby Notify to you & desire yo<sup>r</sup> attendance accordingly. I am,

You<sup>r</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

MILES CARY, Rector.

Her Majestie service requires the meeting of the Trustees,

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and naval officer of York river, 1705. He married, first, Mary, daughter of Colonel Thomas Milner, and had no issue; and secondly, Mary, daughter of Colonel William Wilson. He died July 17, 1708, having issue (by his second marriage): 1. Colonel Wilson, of "Ceely's" and "Richneck;" 2. Miles, *d. s. p.*; 3. Mary, married Joseph Selden; 4. Anne, married Colonel Whiting, of Gloucester county.

The following epitaph was copied in 1868 from a tomb at "Rich Neck," Warwick county:

[Milner arms: *Per pale, or and sab. a chevron between three horse bits countercharged.* Crest: *A horse's head coupé ar., bridle and mane or.*]

Here lyeth ye Body of Mary, the wife  
of Miles Cary & Daughter of Thomas  
Milner and Mary his wife, late of  
Nanzemond County, Dec'd. She was  
Born the 6th of August, 1667, and Died  
the 27th of October, 1700, in the 32d  
year of her Age. Issueless.

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Also the Body of Colo. Miles Cary,  
Husband of the said Mary, who  
Died June ye 7, 1708, & left 2 Sons,  
Wilson & Miles, & 2 Daughters,  
Mary and Ann, by Mary, ye Daughter  
of Col. Wm. Wilson, of Hampton.

Visitors & Govern<sup>rs</sup> of this Her Maj<sup>ties</sup> Royall College at the time  
& Place above written & therefore yo<sup>r</sup> attendance is expected by.

FR. NICHOLSON.

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[SAME TO SAME.]

William & Mary College, June 8th, 1705.

S<sup>r</sup>—Yesterday being appointed for a meeting of the Trustees & Govern<sup>rs</sup> of *William & Mary* College & a Sufficient Number not appearing, the Gents present were of Opinion that further time should be appointed for a Gen<sup>l</sup> meeting in Pursuance of w<sup>ch</sup> I have by their Direction appointed a meeting of the Trustees & Govern<sup>rs</sup> on Thursday next, being the 12th Instant, in Order to the choosing a Rector, Repairing, & Finishing the College & other matters as shall be thought necessary, & Desire yo<sup>r</sup> attendance accordingly.

I am your humble serv<sup>t</sup>,

MILES CARY, Rector.

Her Majesties service requires the meeting of the Trustees, Visitors & Govern<sup>rs</sup>, of this Her Maj<sup>ties</sup> Royall College at the time & place above written & therefore yo<sup>r</sup> attendance is expected by

FR. NICHOLSON.

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[BENJ. HARRISON, JR., TO MILES CARY.]

S<sup>r</sup>—I rece<sup>d</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> of the first Instant and am Sorry I cannot wait upon the Gents at the meeting of the Govern<sup>rs</sup> of the College but my affairs are such as will not permit me to do it. And indeed I could wish that we might perform that Service with more ease & freedom than hitherto hath been usual, otherwise I shall not be very forward to Ride so far upon every trifling occasion, whatever mask it may wear, or how many Postscripts soever there may be to require my attendance; there is not a man upon the earth that hath greater Respect for her Maj<sup>ties</sup> Service than I have, but I cannot see how that should Interfear in every Private Affair. I hope I shall always have more Hon<sup>r</sup> for that name than to Prostitute it in that manner, to Conclude I shall always be

very ready to Serve the College as far as I can & shall always  
be, S<sup>r</sup>,

Yo<sup>r</sup> Humble Servant,

B. HARRISON, JUN.

June 4th, 1705.

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[BENJ. HARRISON TO MILES CARY.]

Surrey, June ye 5th, 1705.

S<sup>r</sup>—Yo<sup>r</sup> of the 1st Instant rec<sup>d</sup>, I should a Complied with its Contents were I able. I have not been off my plantation ab<sup>t</sup> any business of my own Since I came from *Williamsburg* in Feb. last. I would willingly a bin the meeting because it has been insinuated that I have putt a damd Cheat upon the College abt. the *Blackwater* land. I'me not Contious to myself that ever I wronged the College of the vallue of a farthing—however if anybody has mallice enough to prosecute my Innocency I am ready to answer any complaint therein can be made agt. me, & have more Modesty than to say, such Complaints are false, Scandalous & Mallitious till the appear to the World to be so—  
S<sup>r</sup>,

Yo<sup>r</sup> humble Serv't,

BENJ. HARRISON.

Directed on the back:

To Col. Miles Cary, Rector of Wm. & Mary College.  
A true copy.

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[PHILIP LUDWELL TO MILES CARY.]

June ye 12, 1705.

S<sup>r</sup>—Having received a Summons from you dated June ye 1st, to be at a Gen<sup>l</sup> meeting of the Govern<sup>mt</sup> of the College on Thursday last. I went to the College & would have given you my reasons why I did not think it fitt to be at that meeting but you were not there, & I understood you were at the Govern<sup>mt</sup> house where I could not come to you, having been forbidden to come there unless I were sent for. I know not what use may be made of that Lett<sup>r</sup>, therefore I must observe to you, that it was not the Absence of some Gents that Disappointed that meeting, for

you know very well that a Sufficient number, both of Trustees & Goven<sup>rs</sup> did meet, but it was his Excell<sup>ty</sup>s Abusiveness that broke the Meeting. Since that I have received another Summons to be there this day, to w<sup>ch</sup> I return this answer. I observe this Summons (as well as sev<sup>l</sup> others I rece<sup>d</sup> of late) comes from the Govern<sup>r</sup> as well as from the Rector, & I cannot think a Govern<sup>r</sup> of *Virginia* hath any right to call a meeting of the Govern<sup>rs</sup> of College in this manner, therefore I take it to be an Usurpation on the Privileges of ye Govern<sup>s</sup> of the College w<sup>ch</sup> I cannot consent to. I shall always do her maj<sup>ty</sup> the best Service I can in all Capacities, but I cannot conceive that it can any way affect her Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Service; whether the Present Rector, continues the remaining half year, or a new one be chosen, w<sup>ch</sup> is all the business mentioned for the meeting of the Govern<sup>ers</sup> of the College, & why we had not a meeting to do that, during the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court & Assembly when Sev<sup>l</sup> of us were dayly attending. I suppose his excell<sup>ty</sup> & you know best. I do assure you S<sup>r</sup> I shall always do all the Service I can for the College, & shall always be ready to give my attendance to all meetings that shall be appointed regularly (as you know I have constantly done hitherto), so soon as I can do it without being affronted & Hectored by the Gov<sup>r</sup> as I have been, w<sup>ch</sup> I hope will be before there can be a necessity of a Gen<sup>l</sup> meeting of the Govern<sup>rs</sup> of the College. In the mean time I hope you & the rest of the Gent<sup>s</sup> will excuse, S<sup>r</sup>,

Yo<sup>r</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

PHILL LUDWELL,

Directed on the back:

To Coll<sup>o</sup> Miles Cary, Rector of Williams & Mary.

True Copy examined  Wil. Robertson, Clk. College.

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[WM. ROBERTSON TO A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.]

Williamsburg, June 27, 1705.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir:

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> having just now rec<sup>d</sup> advice from Capt. *Josh<sup>a</sup> Moor* of Her Maj<sup>ty</sup> Ship the *Oxford* that he and another man of war arrived last night at *Kiquotan*, finds it necessary for Her Maj<sup>ties</sup> Service to have a meeting of the Council here on Satur-

day, ye 30th Instant, at which He expects yo' Hon' will not fail to give y' attendance, which, by his Excell. Command is all from Yo' Hono"

Most obedient & humble servt,

WIL. ROBERTSON.

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[JOHN LIGHTFOOT TO WM. ROBERTSON.]

S<sup>r</sup>—Be so kind as to make my excuses to His Exc'y for not being at Councill this 30th Instant, having a very Urgent occasion which impeds me, and it will be taken as an obligation done to

Yo' friend & Serv't,

J. LIGHTFOOT.

May 29th, 1705.

From fort Royall.

Directed to Wm. Robinson at Williamsburg, present.

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[ROBT. CARTER TO WM. ROBERTSON.]

from *Kings Creek*, June 28, 1705.

Mr. *Wm. Robertson*:

I was Setting out for the last Council on Monday, but some goods just then coming to my Landing stopt me till pretty late next day, so that I could not recover *Wmburg* till late in the night, expecting the council would have sett the 2d day.

At Coll. Ludwell's last night, a little before my taking horse, came yo' express for this meeting at a council on Saturday if I am sent for, pray give His Exc'y an acco' of my last Journey & that I cannot possibly be at the next, having appointed some Masters to be at my house to give me bills of lading for some Tobacco I have on board, and they intend to leave the river by the last of ye week. I am

Yo' humble serv't,

ROBERT CARTER.

Directed To *Wm. Robertson*,  
Clerk Councill.

Examined by *Wm. Robertson*.

[ORDER OF TRUSTEES OF WILLIAM AND MARY DISCONTINUING DR. BLAIR'S SALARY.]

Virginia Royal College of Wm. & Mary,

June 13, 1705.

Wee *Francis Nicholson*, *Sam<sup>n</sup> Gray*, *Miles Cary*, & *William Randolph*, ye major part of ye Surviving Trustees of ye *Royal College of William & Mary* being met at a Gen<sup>n</sup> meeting of ye Trustees & Govern<sup>r</sup> of ye said College & Considering it ye Rever<sup>d</sup> *James Blair*, who is by Charter appointed President of ye s<sup>d</sup> College, has been Formerly Allowed one hundred & fifty pounds Sterl.  $\text{p}$  annum in order to ye more expeditious carrying on ye Building, erecting, founding, establishing & furnishing ye sd. College, to ye end ye Same might be Transferred according to ye s<sup>d</sup> Charter, which not being effected & he the s<sup>d</sup> *Mr. Blair* having absented himself from his Attendance on ye service of ye s<sup>d</sup> College by going for *England* without the consent, Leave & approbation of ye s<sup>d</sup> Trustees, &c., Govern<sup>r</sup> & there Continuing for almost two years, Do Declare That it is our Opinion y<sup>t</sup> ye s<sup>d</sup> allowance be Discontinued & y<sup>t</sup> no further allowance be made him in y<sup>t</sup> Respect.

FR. NICHOLSON, Rector,  
SAMUEL GRAY,  
MILES CARY,  
WM. RANDOLPH.

Recorded in the Secretary's office in a book No. 39.

C. C. THACKER, Deputy Secrty.

This is a true Copy the Originall being among the College papers in the Custody of

WILL. ROBERTSON, Cl<sup>k</sup> Coll.

[CERTAIN CLERGYMEN OF PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY TO THE BISHOP OF LONDON.]

To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> & Right Rever<sup>d</sup> Father In God, *Henry*,  
Lord *Bishop* of *London*, & one of her Maj<sup>ties</sup> Most Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Privy Councill.

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Lordship:

In last October, Wee, with our Brethren of New York,  
being conveyen by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> ye Lord *Cornbury's* Order,

were Bold to pay our Dutiful Respects to your Lordship in a letter in which wee Presented both your Lordship & the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Society \* w<sup>ch</sup> ye State of our Churches in these parts in which wee found the greatest Sattisfaction having nothing to Complain of More then ye Violente Opposition of Professed enemies. But since that time a new & unexpected Trouble hath Reached us, Viz: The universal Talk that Mr. *Blair* (a man whose Character might have preserved him from abusing his Brethren & such especially as were not p'sonally known to him), hath Deposited upon Oath both before ye Hon<sup>ble</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> for Trade & Plantations and as we are Informed her Maj<sup>ty</sup>\* most Hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill That There is not a Clergy man in all North America but would subscribe or swear anything in favor of *Collo. Nicholson* for five Pounds, Every Body hath it in their Mouths, Our Enemies make most wicked advantages of it, our friends Wonder (as justly they may), That wee could Contentedly sitt so long Silent, tis now at last we have (through much Difficulty by Reason of our Seperate Stations), been able to Complain to yo' Lords'p as our Common Father of ye Injury we have Rec'd, Therefore

May it please yo' Lordship to be informed That there are some of us who never Rec'd one penny of that Religious Gentleman's Bounty, nay, that never knew him but by Glorious Fame, these may be presumed to be Clear of ye Accusation as they were of the Temptation, but because others of us have Testified in favour of *Collo. Nicholson* against Mr. Blair, who it seems have been assisted & supported by him in the work of our Ministry & Edifying of ye Body of Christ, wee are to be represented as ye most Impious & profidious villians on Earth in ye Face of most August Assembly's & to yo' Lordship our Tender & Wise Father, But what have we Done more than many other honest & Hon<sup>ble</sup> would Do? or wherein Doth the villany of what we have Done consist or what have wee Rec'd more then Mr. Blair himself, as to ye first wee have Done nothing more y<sup>n</sup> what ye worshipfull Members of Council & Assembly both in Virginia & Maryland, who were well acquainted with all *Collo. Nicholson's* Deportm<sup>t</sup> have done before & since we did; we have done

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\*The Honorable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

nothing more then what severall worthy Gent. of great Respect such as Sr. Tho. Lawrence, Collo. Robt Quarry thought themselves obliged to seperately from us. Now if both they & we were in the wrong & Mr. Blair only in the right we were all equally to be condemned or equally to be excused, if We were not accused to take bribes for this end.

Nor are we conscious of any Evill, tho' we are charged w<sup>th</sup> villainy in what we have done, we have represented this Pious man's munificence his wisdom, his zeal & other Christian Virtues; The truth of w<sup>ch</sup> is abundantly known, 'tis every where confessed, his enemys can hardly deny it, we are sure Mr. Blair hath done it himself frequently & Emphatically, witnes the Address signed w<sup>th</sup> his own hand in April, 170—, at Williamsburgh.

Govern<sup>r</sup> Nicholson is the same man still, nor can we think him worse for desisting to humour Mr. Blair; But because we have received his bounty & done this afterwards, he would represent us under the most Scandalous Characters, let what mischief soever fall upon our persons, functions or the Church, he cares not provided He can indulge his revenge full temper. We may venture to say that none but Mr. Blair & a few others of the same spirit w<sup>th</sup> himself would think Coll<sup>o</sup> Nicholson such an imprudent man as to give us Money: all of us both before the Rupture between them & since as many as had occasion to pass thro. his Government to corrupt us ag<sup>t</sup> him, or all the clergy so scandalous as to receive it on this acco<sup>t</sup>. Mr. Blair may Disdain us because we are poor but we are not ashamed of it, nor to acknowledge that our pressing Necessitys were relieved by Coll<sup>o</sup> Nicholson. If some of us had but half what Mr. Blair has gott by him we should find other uses for it, than what Mr. Blair has done to make head ag<sup>t</sup> our best benefactours, & we may presume to speak freely to yo<sup>r</sup> Grace, being moved thereto by a sore affliction, & to give actions their proper name; all that Mr. Blair has done is exquisite ingratitude & abuse of yo<sup>r</sup> Grace & other Hon<sup>ble</sup> Persons, what we have done is sincere & naked Gratitude to our Patron & Godly zeal for the support of Christ Churches in these Countrys. We hope that what yo<sup>r</sup> Grace doth (best of any man) know already of ye Circumstances in these

parts, together w<sup>th</sup> our present representation of our Defenceless Condition, being without either Guide, Overseer or Ruler will incite yo<sup>r</sup> Grace & the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Society to send us a Suffragan, one that can do us good and not mischief only, that can heal as well as wound.

A Stranger might justly marvel how it were possible the church should gain so much as footing in these upper Provinces. Especially is it not Evident, how the very first settled Minister, Mr. Clayton, was sent by him out of his Province of Maryland to Philadelphia & what good he did there; There is not a Church built but must Record him the Principall Benefactors; are there not a great many unfinished yet? Yes but he hath assured that he hath not done. He is ready Still upon every call to contribute to its completion. Can Mr. Blair send us another that will do thus much for us.

Or is He solicitous whether he can or no if *Govern<sup>r</sup> Nicholson* be removed, w<sup>ch</sup> is the utmost of *Mr. Blair's* attempts (& a desperate, unchristian one it is too), He will have his end and we ours, tho fatal, for aught wee can see.

We are bold to Sollicit & Expostulate w<sup>th</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Grace, keeping ourselves within our proper Spheres, not Medling w<sup>th</sup> Statesmen or Courtier hoping only to Confirm Yo<sup>r</sup> Lordp. in ye esteem you have of this excellent Person, for we must acknowledge that under God & next to yo<sup>r</sup> Grace & the hon<sup>ble</sup> Society of which He is a worthy Member We owe our welfare to him & his Friends.

We have only this to add:

Least *Mr. Blair* should presently suggest that now some new Bribe has been presented to us, We Declare that what we do is unknown to Collo. *Nicholson* & We do as fully & heartily Join in this as we did in any other.

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Grace to pity our oppression & believe our Sincerity. We humbly begg yo<sup>r</sup> Grace's prayers & Benediction. We will not cease to offer ours in behalf of Yo<sup>r</sup> Grace, that God would preserve you among us, to Direct you w<sup>th</sup> his wisdom in Yo<sup>r</sup> Consultations for the Good of this Church, and reward you hereafter with Immortal Glory, since he only can make us happy, by raising up such gracious Patrons & recompense them

hereafter w<sup>th</sup> the accomplishm<sup>t</sup> of his most gracious promise.  
We are, in all obedience,

Yo' Grace's most Dutiful Sons & Serv<sup>r</sup>,

EVAN EVANS, Minister of Philadelphia,  
HENRY NICHOLS, Minister of Chester, in  
Pennsylvania,  
JOHN TALBOTT, Missionary to New Jersey, &c.  
JOHN CLUBB, School Master of Philadelphia,  
AND. RUDMAN, Minister of Trinity Church,  
at Oxford, in Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, June ye 26th, 1705.

Examined  $\text{P}$  WIL. ROBERTSON.

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PART OF A LETTER.

(This part of a letter belongs to the following address.)

S<sup>r</sup>—I request my Brother *Whately* or my Brother *Smith*, of *Abington*, to put my name on the Original Addresses, for I like them well, but if they cannot imitate my hand they had better let it alone.

I am, &c.,

SAMUEL GRAY.

Nominy, July 14th, 1705.

Examined  $\text{P}$  WIL. ROBERTSON.

Memorand: That the Reverand Gentleman whose names are marked thus | , were not at the meeting but they signed afterward.

An address in the same words as the preceding was also sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury. B. T.

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[CERTAIN CLERGYMEN OF VIRGINIA TO THE ARCHBISHOP  
OF CANTERBURY.]

To His Grace the Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*,  
Primate & Metropolitan of all England.

May it Please yo' Grace:

We again presume upon yo' Graces favour, tho' we are only

a part of the Clergy of this Colony, mett together to take leave of our much esteemed & Reverend Brother M<sup>r</sup> *Thomas Edwards*, whom we have requested to wait upon yo<sup>r</sup> Grace w<sup>th</sup> our following Address:

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Grace:

We have acquainted most hon<sup>ed</sup> Diocesan, the Lord Bishop of *London*, that the late Reverend Mr. *Commissary Blair* lyes under ye Scandal of being a Perjured Person. The Grand Jury, the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly & ye major part of the Country ground this allegation upon Mr. Commissary's Deposition in *England*, a Copy of w<sup>th</sup> is sent over here by the Lord Comm<sup>rs</sup> of Trade & Plantation & exposed to public view.

Therefore we most humbly pray yo<sup>r</sup> Grace to intercede w<sup>th</sup> the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> & R<sup>t</sup> Reverend Father in God the Lord *Bishop* of *London* in our behalf, that the Imputation of Perjury might not be objected ag<sup>t</sup> the head of the Clergy of this Colony for the time to come. Subscribing ourselves yo<sup>r</sup> Graces most Dutiful & Obedient Sons & Serv<sup>ts</sup>,

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Edward Portlock,          | Ralph Bowker,  |
| Rich <sup>d</sup> Squire, | Em. Jones,     |
| Lewis Latane,             | Ar. Tillyard,  |
| Bar. Yates,               | Tho. Edwards,  |
| Dan. Taylor,              | Peter Kippax,  |
| Jacob Ware,               | Wm. Williams,  |
| Tho. Sharpe,              | And. Munro,    |
| Wm. Rudd,                 | James Burtell. |

Virginia, June 3rd, 1705.

Not being present when our Brethren mett nor having seen those Votes & Papers they seem to refer to, presume our Brethren would offer nothing but what is Justifiable.

G. SMITH,  
JAMES CLACK.

S<sup>r</sup>—I do hereby entreat you to subscribe my name to two addresses dated both July 3rd, 1705, the first to his Grace my Lord

Arch Bishop of *Canterbury*, the Second to my Lord Bishop of *London*, & herein you will oblige yo<sup>r</sup> Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

JACOB WARE.

Virginia, July 9th, 1705.

Directed For Mr. *Wil. Robertson* at the *Royall College of William & Mary*, these.

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[CERTAIN CLERGYMEN OF VIRGINIA TO THE BISHOP OF LONDON.]

To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> & R<sup>t</sup> Reverend Father in God, *Henry*,  
Lord Bishop of *London*.

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>d</sup>s<sup>p</sup>:

We have some few of yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>d</sup>s<sup>p</sup> Clergy in *Virginia* met together take leave of our Rev<sup>d</sup> & beloved Brother *Tho. Edwards*, & Since wee have such a fair opportunity of Communicating to yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>d</sup>s<sup>p</sup>s view an acc<sup>t</sup> of ye State of our Affairs in ye Colony, wee presume to Acquaint yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>d</sup>s<sup>p</sup> y<sup>t</sup> to our great grief & Surprise not only ye Grand Jury & Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly have obliquely Branded ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Commissary *Blair* w<sup>th</sup> an extravagant & unwarrantable Deposition, but also ye better part of her maj<sup>ties</sup> good & Loyall Subjects (upon ye same acc<sup>t</sup>) seem to charge him w<sup>th</sup> little less y<sup>a</sup> Downright perjury.

As for us wee are tender of Men's characters & Therefore Shall not aggravate Mr. Commissary's Misfortune, & were it not purely in Regard to our Duty to yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>d</sup>s<sup>p</sup> & ye good of ye church, we should not have troubled yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>d</sup>s<sup>p</sup> w<sup>th</sup> such unpleasant news. But as Cases now stand, we know not how to satisfy our own Consciences nor yet to Stave of ye Reproaches of ye people from ye whole Clergy in Gen<sup>l</sup> (by Reason of ye ill Conduct of their late leader), unless ye late Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Commissary *Blair* Clear himself from ye Imputation of perjury.

We hope y<sup>or</sup> Lo<sup>d</sup>s<sup>p</sup> will not let us Suffer in our Reputations so far as to Render our Ministry of none effect by Supporting ye Private interest of one man agt. ye Clamour of almost ye whole Country.

Wee have prayed his grace ye L<sup>d</sup> Arch Bishop of *Canterbury* to Interceed w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>or</sup> L<sup>d</sup>s<sup>p</sup> in y<sup>a</sup> matter—and with all humility

wee Rely upon y<sup>er</sup> L'ds'p's Favourable Interputation. Subscribing ourselves your L'ds'p most Dutifull Sons & Serv'ts,

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|----------------|---------------------------|
| Jacob Ware,    | Edward Portlock,          |
| Wm. Williams,  | Ralph Bowker,             |
| Thomas Sharpe, | Rich <sup>d</sup> Squire, |
| Wm. Rudd,      | A <sup>r</sup> Tillyard,  |
| James Burtell, | Em. Jones,                |
| Lewis Latane,  | Dan. Taylor,              |
| Barth. Yates,  | Tho. Edwards,             |
|                | Peter Kippax.             |

Virginia, July ye 3rd, 1705.

Not being present when our Brethren above mentioned met our having seen those votes & papers they Seem to refer to, presume our brethren would offer nothing but w<sup>ht</sup> is Justifiable.

GUY SMITH,

JAMES CLACK.

S<sup>r</sup>—I do hereby intreat you to Subscribe my name to two addresses dated both July 3rd, 1705, ye first to his Grace my L<sup>d</sup> Arch Bishop of *Canterbury* ye Second to my Lord Bishop of *London*. & here in you will oblige,

Your humble Serv't,

JACOB WARE.

Virginia, July 9th, 1705.

Directed for Wm. Robinson at ye *Royall College of William & Mary*, These.

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[JUSTICES OF ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY TO GOVERNOR NICHOLSON.]

To His Excellency *Francis Nicholson*, esq<sup>r</sup>, her Majestys Lieut. & Gover<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> of Virginia.

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Exc'l'y:

Wee her Majestices Justices of *Elizabeth City* County having often Taken Notice of M<sup>r</sup> *James Wallace's* \* Misbehaviour of

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\* Rev. James Wallace, minister of Hampton parish, was an adherent of Dr. Blair, and had recently returned to Virginia with an order from the English government to Governor Nicholson that he should cease all suits and prosecutions against him.

late in ye Severall courts y<sup>t</sup> has been held in this County Since his last Arrival from *England*, Obliges us to give your Exc<sup>t</sup>'l'y an accot. Thereof, hoping yo<sup>r</sup> Exc<sup>t</sup>'l'y will be pleased to Prescribe us Some Rules & Send us Some Order whereby wee may Check & for ye Time to Come Discourage his Scoffing & Deriding Carriage toward us when we are administering Justice & Discharging ye Duty Incumbent on us, & Indeed we have great Reason to Resent his Insulting Carriage towards yo<sup>r</sup> Exc<sup>t</sup>'l'y in our Court held in June last when he gave your Excell<sup>ty</sup> such Provoking Language That even his Own Creatures admired at his Impudence, which has been so very great of late y<sup>t</sup> in ye very face of ye Court in March Last he had almost Dissapointed us for a grand Jury by perswading Some y<sup>t</sup> were Sumoned from Taking ye Oath, Telling Them they ought to Consider well what they did with ye Danger they were in, which so affrighted them That they were almost perswaded from their Duty, & oftentimes when ye s<sup>d</sup> *Wallace* has been in ye Court he has made a Scoff & Derision of us, p'tending to Direct us & espousing Causes y<sup>t</sup> did no way Concern him & having a little book & pencill in his hand Taking minutes (as he pretended), of ye Courts Words w<sup>ch</sup> he hath often done & p'ticularly this Day When he came to this Court & Impudently askt us by what power & authority wee examined evidences, & if he had any action here Depending & when wee answered no, & told him if he had any Crossquestions to ask ye evidences y<sup>t</sup> were Summoned (as he p'tended to have Done the last Court), y<sup>t</sup> he might now do it, to which he Replyed he would take his own time & so went away. Now May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Exc<sup>t</sup>'l'y, at our Court held in June last he very much Insisted on Cross Questions y<sup>t</sup> he would Put to ye evidences y<sup>t</sup> were sworn against him, p'tending & expressing y<sup>t</sup> he was wronged in being Refused, tho' now he has free Liberty So to do, yet will not, but instead thereof examines Our Authority, wee wholly Refer'd our selves to yo<sup>r</sup> Exc<sup>t</sup>'l'y's Judicious Consideration, humbly pray<sup>s</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Exc<sup>t</sup>'l'y y<sup>t</sup> you will make known our just Resentments & our great Agrievance to ye Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> & Rever'd Father in God ye Lord Bishop of London, and y<sup>t</sup> you would Acquaint him of his Strange Imperious Transactions, & among ye Rest how ye s<sup>d</sup> *Wallace* Much Concerns himself in Severall affairs of the Parrish which Doth in no way belong to

his Ministerial Function & p'ticularly on our meeting together in choosing of ye Late Burgess, when Mr. Wallace was very zealous & busy in preferring his Relation & went often Backwards & forwards among ye people to Engage them to vote for his s'd Kinsman & after election was over went too & fro thanking y<sup>m</sup> for y' Service & Kindness, & at Sundry times giving Threatning words to some of us telling us he should be parson when wee were not Justices with Many Reflections ag<sup>t</sup> our Credits and Reputation, endeavoring as wee apprehend to Incense ye People ag<sup>t</sup> us, w<sup>ch</sup> if not Timely prevented may be of very ill & fatall Consequence to ye County, &c., & Therefore wee humbly Pray yo' Exc'l'y to Send us Some Directions to Curb y' unruly Priest who Scoffs at Justice, making great Boast of a protection he has, by which he amuses ye people & we Suppose y' he thinks himself above ye Law. So referring ye whole matter to y' Exc'l'y's most Judicious considerations for our Direction, we Subscribe our Selves your Exc'l'y's most obedient & Dutifull Servants,

Edw<sup>d</sup> Myhill,  
Francis Ballard,  
Thomas Tabb,  
William Smelt,

Wm. Wilson,  
Bert<sup>d</sup> Servant,  
Wm. Lowry,  
August Moore,  
Henry Royall.

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### Militia Companies in Augusta County, in 1742.

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Among the collections of manuscripts made by the late Dr. Lyman Draper, and left by him to the Historical Society of Wisconsin, are lists of the men composing nine companies of militia, in Augusta county, Va., in 1742. The total number of companies was twelve, but the rolls of only nine were obtained, or have been preserved.

William Beverley was county lieutenant, and James Patton colonel. The former qualified as county lieutenant of Orange